

### **REMARKS**

According to the final Office Action dated March 24, 2011, claims 18-20 and 22-41 are pending wherein claims 18-20, 22-33, 40 and 41 were examined on the merits. Claims 18, 19, and 22-31 stand rejected.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Examiner objected to claims 20, 32, 33, 40 and 41 as depending from a rejected claim, but otherwise would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 18 to include the elements recited in claim 33, and have subsequently cancelled claim 33. Since claim 18 now recites elements identified as being allowable, claim 18 and claims 19, 22-24, 30, 32, 40 and 41, which depend from claim 18, are allowable for the same reasons.

Furthermore, Applicants added new claims 42-58. New claim 42 recites the elements previously recited in claims 32, 27 and 18. Claims 43-49 depend from claim 42 and contain elements recited in claims that previously depended from claim 18. Since claim 32 was identified as reciting allowable subject matter, claims 42 to 49 are allowable for the same reasons.

New claim 50 recites elements previously recited in claims 18 and 40. Claims 51 to 56 depend directly or indirectly from claim 50 and contain elements recited in claims that previously depended from claim 18. Since claim 40 was identified as reciting allowable subject matter, new claims 50 to 56 are allowable for the same reasons.

New claim 57 recites elements previously recited in claims 18 and 20. Since claim 20 was identified as reciting allowable subject matter, claim 57 should be allowable for the same reasons.

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New claim 58 recites elements previously recited in claim 41. Since claim 41 was identified as reciting allowable subject matter, claim 58 should be allowable for the same reasons.

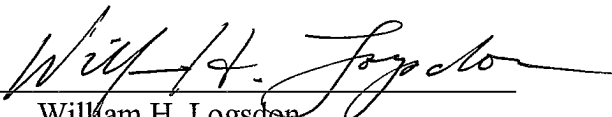
### **REJECTION OF CLAIMS 18, 19 AND 22-31**

Claims 18, 19 and 22-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Schultz (EP 0611568) in view of Priya Chemicals ("Amino Acids Compositions") and Sindayikengera (J. Zhejian Univ. Science B(1996)). As discussed above, claim 18, and the independent new claims, each recite elements contained within at least one claim that was identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections and objections asserted against pending claims 18-33 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that these claims together with new claims 40 and 41 be allowed.

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